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STATE REOPENS GEORGETOWN-ROWLEY STATE FOREST ORV TRAIL

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced that Georgetown-Rowley State Forest has been reopened for off-road vehicle (ORV) use.

DCR closed all ORV trails on May 19, due to extremely wet trail conditions throughout the Commonwealth; riding an ORV on wet trails can cause significant damage. Since then, conditions have improved and now all ORV trails are open for public use. In addition to Georgetown-Rowley State Forest, there are ORV trails in Beartown State Forest, October Mountain State Forest, Pittsfield State Forest, Tolland State Forest, F. Gilbert Hills State Forest, and Freetown-Fall River State Forest.

All other state forests, parks and reservations are closed to ORV use at all times.

ORV use is defined as any motor vehicle designed for recreational use off a public way, legally registered, and weighing less than 1000 lbs. For registration information, visit www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle/elereg.htm.

For more information on ORV riding areas in state forests, maps, directions and contact information, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr/forparks.htm and <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/orv.htm>.

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